

under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on Calendar No. 13, S. 937, a bill to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Mazie Hirono, Jeff Merkley, Debbie Stabenow, Richard Blumenthal, Tammy Baldwin, Tammy Duckworth, Alex Padilla, Maria Cantwell, Sheldon Whitehouse, Cory A. Booker, Brian Schatz, Tim Kaine, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Benjamin L. Cardin, Gary C. Peters.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the mandatory quorum calls for the cloture motions filed today, Tuesday, April 20, be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENTS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair announces, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106-398, as amended by Public Law 108-7, and in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission: Kimberly T. Glas of Virginia for a term beginning January 1, 2021 and expiring December 31, 2022.

The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to provisions of Public Law 99-93, as amended by Public Law 99-151, appoints the following Senators as members of the United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: The Honorable SHELDON WHITEHOUSE of Rhode Island (Chairman); The Honorable RICHARD BLUMENTHAL of Connecticut; The Honorable MARGARET WOOD HASSAN of New Hampshire; and The Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico.

MORNING BUSINESS

HONORING STATE PATROL SERGEANT JIM SMITH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, on April 13, I delivered remarks on the Senate Floor to share my condolences for Iowa State Patrol Sergeant Jim Smith, who lost his life in the line of duty. I was honored to attend Sergeant Smith's funeral on April 16 in Independence. Jim Smith was revered as a man of strong convictions, love of family, and deep-rooted faith. Iowa State Patrol Colonel Nathan Fulk gave the following eulogy in honor of Sergeant Smith. I ask unanimous consent that the eulogy be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

COL. NATHAN FULK REMARKS AT THE FUNERAL FOR SGT. JAMES SMITH

I'm going to ask all of you here today to do something for Jim Smith. I'm going to ask you to do something for Jim Smith's wife, Kathy, his son, Zander, and his daughter, Jazlyn. And what we're asking you to do today is to open your minds and your hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ. His presence is here today. Jim Smith is here with us today.

Our faith teaches us that in our suffering God is with us. Jim's priorities were faith, family, and his commitment to public service and his community. During a time in history when we wonder—with conflict, adversity, and challenge, we can doubt the support we have in society. However, the outpouring of support for the City of Independence has been truly amazing. You've reminded us why we love working, serving, and living in the state of Iowa. You've reminded us why we have a strong passion to serve and protect those in the community. And you've shown us that love, compassion, and respect are true Iowa values.

This senseless and tragic loss is difficult for everyone here today. Our Department of Public Safety family, our Iowa State Patrol Family, you know we're hurting but we're not broken. We are struggling but we're not lost. And we're deeply saddened but we will work to find peace in the days ahead. Commissioner Stephan Bayens and I are extremely proud of the work you do each and every day. His expectation for our leaders is we take the absolute best care of our personnel. Rest assured that we are here for you and we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

We will remain committed to serving Iowans with integrity, fairness, respect, honesty, courage, and compassion. This will be vital to our healing process and into the future. We are here for our troopers, our special agents, our communication specialists, our local law enforcement partners, and our first responders. We must navigate through this together, day by day, and week by week. We're going to continue to do our job and we're going to do it well. We're going to do it with confidence, professionalism, and integrity. We will work together to establish a pathway to heal while we honor Sgt. Jim Smith's sacrifice and his legacy.

Jim's faith and family was the foundation of his life. He loved being an Iowa State Trooper, but his job did not define who he was. What defined him was his family, his faith, and his true love for others. Sergeant Jim Smith worked for the State Patrol for twenty-seven and a half years, and twenty-five years on our tactical unit. During that time, he served as a team leader. And he was a humble man with a tremendous work ethic. Jim loved his job and he set an excellent example for others to follow. He mentioned how his parents provided him important qualities of hard work and determination that led to his success. He provided strong leadership in District Ten, alongside Lt. Senne, Sgt. O'Rear, and Sgt. Trimble. They all speak highly of his character, his integrity, and his commitment to do the right thing for the right reason. I learned this week that Jim's biggest vice was chocolate milk. Chocolate milk was a treat for him when he accomplished something special. I'm sure most of us in this room today wish chocolate milk was our biggest vice. This just speaks of Jim's character and who he was.

On the Area C Tactical Team for the Iowa State Patrol, he was extremely experienced in handling high-risk calls. He had quiet con-

fidence that provided reassurance to the Area C Tactical Unit. This quiet confidence exhibited as 'we got this.' Jim was a sheepdog, that protected sheep. He always wanted to be the number one man in the door. This was his struggle with becoming a team leader on the tactical team, was he would have to give up that number one position. Jim's wife, Kathy, recently mentioned to the State Patrol staff why he wanted to be the first to the door, and she now understands it. His priority was to protect his people.

Captain Olmstead and several other leaders in the organization challenged Jim to put in for a supervisory position. He struggled with this. Jim would politely decline and say, "I love taking bad guys to jail and working the road." And he did it well. He felt that if he was promoted to become a supervisor he couldn't do his road enforcement responsibilities, to protect and serve. One day Jim called Captain Olmstead and said he thought it was time to take on the leadership and supervisory position. He knew he needed to mentor young troopers, to show them what a work ethic and a commitment to the organization and to the State of Iowa meant to him. He went on to be promoted to sergeant and continue to do what he loved while mentoring, leading by examples, and encouraging troopers to work hard each and every day.

Jim was an extremely humble person that strove for excellence in his work, was strong in his faith, and he walked in Jesus' footsteps. He recently provided a sermon at church entitled Act Your Age. He brought in a Superman lunchbox and began to share the food that his wife, Kathy, had prepared for him. Jim pulled out an apple and he said that he asked his wife, Kathy, to pack him a Twinkie. He said Kathy reminded him that "we're not on a diet, we're just making healthy life choices." But during that sermon he had a powerful message, a message he wants you to hear today. Jim said, "I want my kids to know what's good and true." He spoke of sacrificial love and that children are adorable little creatures of God. He said that "my kids fill my life with love." His correlation with that sermon was that God sees us as the children he created. You are a child of God, act your age. He closed with, "Cherish God, know that God loves you, God still sees you as a child he created. So go to him as a child, depend on him, love him, and seek to be loved by him." It was a very captivating message he shared.

Family was extremely important to Jim. He often spoke of his wife, Kathy, and he loved you deeply. He spoke of his son, Zander, and his daughter, Jazlyn. He loved you two very much. He loved spending time with both of you and telling stories to all the troopers about the trips you took and the quality time you spent together. And that meant the world to him. He often spoke to the troopers—he was trying to be a good role model and a good father, and spoke of the dreams he had for both of you two. He wanted to be a good example for you. He wanted to lead you down a path of faith and to set you up for success in life. You both made him an extremely proud father.

I've been struggling to find the right words to comfort us all today. As we walk through this together, seeking to find a sense of purpose and a sense of peace, I don't have to look for those words because Jim left them for us. These handwritten words are from Jim. They were in his Bible, and Kathy provided them to us this week. The words were, "Don't just know, do. Live in service. Know the goal, finish strong. Teach with application. Don't just tell, show. Don't just learn, do. Live out God's word. Live out faith. Teach, take care of our family, but also change the world."

1 Peter 2:21 says, "For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example and you must follow in his footsteps." You know, reflecting on Jim's life has impacted us all this week. It has impacted me and challenged me to think about being the best person I can be. So I've asked myself some tough questions. Am I following in Jesus Christ's footsteps? Am I following in Jim Smith's footsteps? Can I be a man that cares for my community like Jim Smith cared for this community? Can I be a man that loves my children like Jim Smith loved Zander and Jazlyn? Can I be a man that loves my wife like Jim loved his wife, Kathy? And can I be a man that loves the Lord Jesus Christ, like Jim Smith loved the Lord, his God? We love you Jim, we will see you again.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN SHEPLER

Mrs. CAPITO. Madam President, I rise today to honor John Shepler, an outstanding public servant who has served both my office and the citizens of West Virginia well in his 21-year career with the Internal Revenue Service. John is retiring from his position as taxpayer advocate in order to spend more time with his family and enjoy the next stage of his life.

During his 10 years as taxpayer advocate, John was a valuable resource to my office and West Virginia's citizens. He was well informed, quick to respond, and straightforward in his dealings as he advocated on behalf of his clients. He was a dedicated employee, fully committed to his many responsibilities. He was a pleasure to work with, and my staff were always confident that John was providing top-level service, regardless of the issue.

John also served his country through his military service with the U.S. Air Force, serving 6 years as a missile facilities specialist. A dedicated public servant, John has served his country and his community continually throughout his adult life.

John is the proud parent of daughter and a son, living in Little Hocking, OH, and Houston, TX, respectively. I am sure he is looking forward to spending more time with his five grandchildren, as well as with his favorite pastimes: hunting deer and turkey, fishing, and camping.

I would like to thank John for his service and wish him well in his next phase of life. My staff will miss working with him at the IRS, but we are all happy that we had him as long as we did to provide excellent service to the citizens of West Virginia. Good Luck, John. Thank you again for your commitment to our State.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING AUSTIN SORENSEN KLEIN

• Mr. MORAN. Madam President, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Austin Sorensen Klein, a son, younger brother, and friend gone too soon. Austin's loved ones remember him as a

young man full of energy, talent, and passion for trying and conquering new things.

Austin loved to sing. He was known throughout the Overland Park community as a vocal talent. After winning the 2015 KC Superstar competition, he went on to pursue music through the men's glee club at the University of Notre Dame and then the a cappella group at the University of Texas-Austin. Anyone who knew Austin and heard him sing will remember his sonorous voice and how his joy for music was contagious.

Austin was a kind, intelligent, patient young man who loved to learn and loved even more to make people laugh. He was a reader and, in many ways, a budding philosopher. Austin enjoyed traveling with his close family; they hiked the Black Hills and Yellowstone, toured Disney World and Washington, DC, and explored Europe, Australia, and New Zealand together. I know his parents Greg and Sue, who are dear friends to me and Senator THUNE, and his brothers Kevin and Keith will treasure these memories forever. Our community hurts with them as they navigate life without their beloved son and brother.

After a brief but remarkable life, Austin passed away on March 3, 2021. I want to extend my sincerest condolences to the Klein family and Austin's friends who mourn as they miss and remember Austin's voice, his laugh, and the joy he brought to everyone he knew. May we all learn from Austin's example to live every day to the fullest, hold close those who are dear to us, and do the things we love most.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 241. An act to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.

H.R. 473. An act to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1083. An act to require a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

H.R. 1996. An act to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 473. An act to require a review of Department of Homeland Security trusted traveler programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

H.R. 1083. An act to require a strategy for engagement with Southeast Asia and the As-

sociation of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1996. An act to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to cannabis-related legitimate businesses and service providers for such businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 1216. A bill to extend the temporary scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances.

H.R. 7. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide more effective remedies to victims of discrimination in the payment of wages on the basis of sex, and for other purposes.

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 241. An act to reauthorize the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Act of 1998.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, April 20, 2021, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 164. An act to educate health care providers and the public on biosimilar biological products, and for other purposes.

S. 415. An act to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the scope of new chemical exclusivity.

S. 578. An act to improve the health and safety of Americans living with food allergies and related disorders, including potentially life-threatening anaphylaxis, food protein-induced enterocolitis syndrome, and eosinophilic gastrointestinal diseases, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-707. A communication from the Director of the Regulations Management Division, Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revolving Fund Program - Water and Environmental Provisions of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018" (RIN0572-AC52) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2021; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-708. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Annual Status Report on the Destruction of the United States Stockpile of Lethal Chemical Agents and Munitions for Fiscal Year 2020"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-709. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Department of Defense Annual Report on